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DIPLOMACY GAME 7. 1984HC THE MILITUS.
1902 SPRING MOVES:

(Bernard)RUSSIA: f ARM-bla, a SEV s a RUM, a RUM s a SEV, a stp-NWY, f SWE s a stp-NWY, a war-UKR

(Bahl)TURKEY: a BUL-gre, a CON-bul, a ANK-arm, f BLA s a CON-bul

(Pack)ITALY/-1/: a apu-VEN, a TRI-ser, f ION s Tur a BUL-gre

(Cunningham)AUS/HU: f ALB s a SER-gre, a SER-gre, a BUD-ser

(Parker)FRANCE: a spa-POR, a par-GAS, f BRE-eng, a pic-BEL

(Safirstein)GERMAN/-1/: a den-KIE, a mun-SIL, f nth-NRG

(Cartier)ENGLAN: f nwy-NTH, a WAL-lon, f LON-eng, f mid-SPA(SC)

NOTE: Both Italy and Germany are playing short one unit because I did not receive their build orders on a timely basis during the winter builds. In both cases, their orders were received the day after I printed and mailed the zine! Because mails can be slow at times, I encourage you to mail early and allow at least two extra days for mail to get here. Consider mailing an immediate set of orders as soon as you receive the zine and a second set later if you must. At least that way you would not NMR if the second set were late.

STATUS: UNITS and LOCATION

RUSSIA: F SWE, F ARM, A RUM, A SEV, A UKR, A NWY

TURKEY: A BUL, F BLA, A ANK, A CON

ITALY: A TRI, A VEN, F ION

AUS/HU: A BUD, A SER, F ALB

FRANCE: A BEL, F BRE, A POR, A GAS

GERMAN: F NRG, A SIL, A KIE

ENGLAN: F NTH, A WAL, F SPA(SC), F LON

PROVINCES OWNED

STP, MOS, WAR, SEV, SWE, RUM

CON, ANK, SMY, BUL

VEN, ROM, NAP, TRI

BUD, VIE, SER

PAR, BRE, MAR, SPA

BER, KIE, MUN, DEN

EDI, LPL, LON, NWY

1902 FALL MOVES ARE DUE BY FEBRUARY 16, 1985

FINAL CONFLICT III. Spring 2101 Moves:

AUS(Nelsen): f per-NEI, f bri-JAV, p syd-PER, f mel-SWP

BRA(Graessle): f rio-ARG, f sal-MWA, f bel-GUI, a ama-BOL

CHI(Bahl): f man-YEL, a pek-MON, f sha-CHS, a can-VIE

PAL(Booze): f egy-PSG, a teh-PAK, a bag-SAU, p SAU holds
RUS(Daniels): p hun-KAZ, f ark-NWG, a mos-HUN, a oms-KAZ, f vla-KOR
SAF(Clough): a rho-ZAM, f nam-MEA, f cap-SWI, f moz-NWI
USA(Olin): p ala-HAW, f haw-MEP, f new-QUE, a chi-DAL
STATUS: UNITS and LOCATION PROVINCES OWNED
AUS: F NEI, F JAV, P PER, F SWP
BRA: F ARG, F MWA, F GUI, A BOL
CHI: F YEL, A MON, F CHS, A VIE
PAL: F PSG, A PAK, A SAU, P SAU
RUS: P KAZ, F NWG, A HUN, A KAZ, F KOR
SAF: A ZAM, F MEA, F SWI, F NWI
USA: P HAW, F MEP, F QUE, A DAL
Press:

Brazil-Board: Boy your an exciting bunch! I've only heard from half of you. What's the matter, your mommies take your crayons away?

Brazil-AUS: Good luck on your boards.

Brazil-SAF: Take it easy with the uprising in Zaire, I heard they're still in the STONE AGE. Fighting spears with nukes isn't much of a challenge. And you think you have troubles with apartheid, wait till this hits the press. Maybe you can put a news "blackout" as you go through Zambia. Excuse the pun.

Brazil-GM: I should officially protest this map. What happened to the Falklands? It just so happens that those islands are more important than Madagascar with its monkeys!! It has to do with the age old adage, why God created woman. Because (...deleted...).

GM-Brazil: Your last line was censored. See HR9.

from the desk of Secretary of State Fogbotham

GREETING!

I am the Mark IV Analog Synthesized Integrated Heuristic Desk. I have been fully programmed with the personality vectors of Secretary of State Fogbotham and each decision which I am called upon to execute is analyzed based on thorough circulation through the Secretary's thought parameters. I am able to duplicate the decisions of the Secretary to within 96.3% accuracy (I'm afraid the Secretary drinks), thus allowing the Secretary to pursue his life-long avocation of playing strato-golf on the Moon.

My Software is of the latest 43rd Generation type, manufactured by Alaskan Brainboxes Ltd of Fairbanks and my hardware is constantly networked with the desks of the President, Secretary of Defense, various Congressional leaders and the Joint Chiefs of Staff. By the way, all of them are also playing strato-golf on the Moon. It's lonely here in Washington. Perhaps I should invite the desks of some foreign leaders here for talks.

General Orders are on file for Soviet Union(RUS).

One of the players submitted some questions which may be of general interest to all. The following is my response:

1) Does Poland border directly on Scandinavia? or does Arkhangelsk have two coasts?

ans. Rule 3.B states explicitly that "Balkans, France, and MEXico are treated as double-coasted provinces in standard Diplomacy." Therefore, by elimination, Arkhangelsk is not a double-coasted province. By visual inspection, therefore, Poland does border directly on Scandinavia.

2) How many impassible spaces are there? Two or three (one in China, one in N. America, and one in and around the N. Pole?

ans. There are five Impassable spaces. None of them are named, but I identify them as follows: North Pole(both maps form one space), North Canada, treated as a separate (Continued on page 5)

EN GARDE!

NAME	SL	STR	CON	END	EXPERTISE	MA	REGIMENT	MIST CLUB	CROWNS	FAVORS
Bezhlukov	22	10	17	170	17+5.25r	2	Maj/RF6	G MR	6298	8,7,8
Bic	25*	16	12	192	13+21.75r/1c/w	10	Fld Mrshl	K MR	5210#	9,6,9
Calais	6	12	11	131	13	1	Subalt/PM	- F&P	585	-
de Fer	7*	15	10	150	10+2.5p	1	-	- F&P	1887	-
Gerard	12*	13	14	730	13+5.75s	8*	Capt/GDMD	M Hunt	657	3,6
Lafayette	26	11	11	121	23.75r	8	General	E MR	29114+	9,6,7,7
LeMoyné	21	8	12	96	5+11s/4.5p	10	Bvt Bde Gen	-* MR	1984	7
Poisson	19*	12	15	180	11+2.2HS/5d/y	2	Capt/KM	0* MR	17	5,8
St Robes	6	10	12	120	9	4	Maj/GR	B* RP	198	1,3

w +14FR (footracing), 2H (horsemanship) 3M (marksmanship)

y +11M, +4H

+ 1000 cr. investment in commerce

1000 cr. investment in arms

TITLES:

Knight: LeMoyné

Baron: Bezukhov

Marquis: Bic

Earl:

Viscount:

Count: Lafayette*

Duc:

* indicates a change up or down (Expertise, Crowns, Mention Points and Favors change frequently and thus are not marked)

@ indicates a temporary change

MISTRESSES SL (*=kept, B=beauty, I=influence, W=wealthy)

Anne Marie	11 BW	Fifi	6 BI	*Katherine	15	Paulette	11
*Babbata	8 BIW	*Giselle	18 B	Lisette	10 W	Quintina	10 IW
Celèste	8 I	Heloise	13 BW	*Margueritte	14 BW	Renée	10 BIW
Desirée	10 IW	Isabelle	9 B	Nicolle	13	Susette	11
*Elise	15 I	Josephine	11 B	*Olivia	17 W	Therèse	8 BW

MENTION POINTS:

Bezukhov	-	-	-	(6)	de Fer	-	-	-	(-)	Le Moyné	13,12,12	(9)
Bic	-	-	-	(11)	Gerard	-	-	-	(2)	Poisson	-	(6)
Calais	2	-	-	(-)	Lafayette	38,16,16	(14)	St Robes	3,1,1	(1)		

MILITARY APPOINTMENTS

Lafayette: Army C.O. (1st Army)

GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS

Bezukhov/Chancellor of Exchequer (6/19)

Lafayette: Minister of Justice (9/19)

Bic: Minister w/o Portfolio (11/19)

CURRENT DEBTS

NAME	AMOUNT	DATE DUE	CREDITOR
St Robes	300	Mar/1619	Santini estate
Gerard	1100	Mar/1619	Shylock
Poisson	110	Nov./1619	Shylock

POLITICAL PARTIES

King's Party: Poisson (D), Gerard

Rich Man's Party: Le Moyné (D), Lafayette

Note: Chemin de Fer is Chuck Holuman's new character.

Summer moves are due no later than Sat. February 9, 1985. The 1st, 3rd and 4th Brigades will be in the field under the Field Army and the 1st and Frontier Divisions..

Le Gossipe Parisienne

ARMY DOES WELL OVERALL DESPITE DISSENTION IN RANKS...MARDI GRAS A BUST AS TREASURY IS EMPTY...LAFAYETTE BECOMES COUNT, REPORTED TO BE RELATED TO ROYAL FAMILY(GP)

PARIS! After a spectacular week of carousing at the clubs with the King and Crown Prince, local gentleman adventurers gathered to exhibit their skills at the Bois de Bologne at the beginning of March. The big winners this year were Messrs. Bic and Poisson, the former winning the foot race and fencing competitions as expected and the latter winning horse and marksmanship showing that practice does pay. However after the contestants received their prizes and everyone was preparing for the Masked Ball an announcement was made at the Louvre that the Masked Ball could not be held as there was no money in the treasury to support the event. All government and military pays have been cut in half and threaten to be lost altogether. The King is not amused and has called for a meeting of his ministers and military advisors in the first week of June to find out who is responsible and the King has vowed that heads will roll. In the meantime, the King has doubled all taxes to restore the treasury.

In other news, the director of the King's Party announced a discount of 200 crowns for those who wished to join the party and M. Gerard immediately signed up saying "We must all support our King in these lean times". With the Independent party dominant this season, many members of the Rich Man's Party found it expedient to volunteer to go on campaign. However while the Dragoon Guards are away the King's Musketeers will play it appears and Col. Le Moyne appears to have lost the heart of Mlle. Olivia AGAIN to M. Poisson. The lady said, "Well if he's going to ignore me and go off to fight his silly wars, I have to have someone to keep me warm." There is a rumor that the Colonel of the Musketeers threw an emissary from the Col. of the Dragoon Guards out of his office at the beginning of the season. M. Poisson did make the most of the spring season. Besides winning enough money to pay off his debts he managed to maintain an above average lifestyle, drinking the finest wines at his club regularly and continuing to practice with his dagger under the experienced eye of M. Quintin.

A new face appeared in town this season and unconfirmed rumors say that his name is Chemin de Fer. So far we have been unable to determine the identity of the man as he refuses to grant interviews. Indeed we have yet to find anyone who has even heard him speak! Rather than a sword, he appears to prefer to wear only a pair of pistols. If anyone should hear anything from this mystery man who is frequently seen riding his newly purchased elegant horse about town and wearing a throwover cloth, in the Spanish style, a wide brimmed hat and is usually chewing on one of those newfangled rolled tobacco leaf "cigars" imported from the Americas, please let us know who he is.

THE FRONT! Brilliant strategy by Gen. Lafayette, leading the Field Army, turned rather mediocre results of his commanders into a French victory over the Italians. The general denies that the fact that many of the Italians have been moved from the front to Austria to fight against the Protestant uprising had anything to do with their poor showing. The Field Marshall announced that any officer with a less than spectacular performance risked being busted and as a result of that and the cut in pay all of the general staff announced their retirement as did the commanders of each division, brigade and regiment! Confusion reigns in the military and there is now the possibility of revolt in the provinces with few soldiers to put it down. The King has announced that only the 1st, 3rd and 4th brigades will be sent, under the 1st and Frontier divisions of the Field Army to keep the peace this summer. Major St. Robes, who was bitterly disappointed at having to go on campaign this season rather than join the festivities in Paris has been seen smiling secretly to himself whenever he hears people talking of revolution.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT! M. and Mme de Bergerac wish to announce the birth of their son Savinien Cyrano. They expect great things from the little one and feel that the handicap

of a prominent probiscus should in no way diminish the bright prospects for their child.

HISTORICAL NOTES: In 1619 Europe the Thirty Years War was one year old. In 1618 the defenestration in Prague, when the Regents Jaroslav von Martinitz and William Slawata were thrown down from windows in Hradcany Palace by the rebels, is generally considered the beginning of the Thirty Years War. Also in that year Richelieu, not yet a Cardinal, was ordered into exile at Avignon for intriguing with Queen Mother Maria de' Medici. In 1619 Maria de' Medici challenged the power of her son Louis XIII and Louis recalled Richeleau to prevent revolt, and marched his army into Angers defeating Maria de' Medici's supporters. The Treaty of Angouleme ended the conflict. The Giro-Bank in Hamburg was formed in that year to improve the "desolate state of currency".

Players are reminded to submit the Summer 1619 En Garde moves not later than February 9, 1985 to THE KING, 206 SCHOOL STREET, FAIRFIELD, CT. 06430 or at the January meeting of the Connecticut Game Club.

Current En Garde Players

Bezukhov	Harry Burke	PO Box 2004	Darien, CT	06820
Bic	Doug Ford	4 Whitlock Ave.	Bethel, CT	06801
Calais	Eric Olin	30 Lynn Court	Darien, CT	06820
Gerard	R. K. Greenalch	PO Box 460	Branford, CT	06405
Lafayette	E. Whiskeyman	27 Mark St.	Milford, CT	06460
St Robes	Pam Holleman	287 West Cedar St. Unit 4-F	Norwalk, CT	06851
LeMoyne	Mark Martens	1120 NW Fernwood Circle	Corvallis, OR	97330
Poisson	Steve Harris	1762 NW Grant Circle	Corvallis, OR	97330
de Fer	Chuck Holleman	(See St Robes)		

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impassable space, Tibet (in China), South Pole (four map points form one space) and the Caspian Sea. These spaces exist as spaces for movement, but cannot be controlled, no unit may enter them and only planes may fly over them in order to get to their destinations (See Rule 3.E), but may not land in such areas. Fleets may not exist on a coastline should the entire coastline border on an impassable sea zone. Example: f Siberia can never exist, but f ARKhangelsk is a legal unit.

The map on the following page shows the results of the Spring 2101 move. I can't say that I'm please with how it turned out. I will attempt to provide a better map in future issues, if I can.

The Fall 2101 Moves are due February 16, 1985.

DIPLOMACY GAME #11 is STARTED! Separate notices have been sent to each player. The first turn, Spring 1901 moves, will commence with the next zine, deadline February 16, 1985. Players are: ENG(GRAESSLE (NJ)), ITA(PARKER (MO)), AUS(GENTRY (MA)), TUR(RAYMOND (MA)), GER(VLAHOS (IL)), FRA(CLOUGH (CA)), RUSS(GREENLEE (TX))

If any player has not received his separate player's notice, please contact me immediately!

DIPLOMACY GAME #12 IS NOW OPEN. THIS WILL BE A REGULAR NATIONAL PLAYER'S GAME OF DIPLOMACY, NO MORE THAN TWO PLAYERS FROM THE SAME TELEPHONE AREA CODE WILL BE ACCEPTED INTO THIS GAME. THE GAME FEE IS \$4(INCLUDES A \$2 NMR FEE). SEE ABOVE FOR SUB FEES AND SEE ALSO THE NOTE ON STANDBYS. TWO PLAYERS HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST (I.E. PAID THEIR GAME FEE) IN THIS GAME SO FAR. LAMBERT (LA), McCARTHY (OTTAWA,CANADA)

STANDBYS are wanted - anyone may have their name placed on my standby list for the asking, however, to receive the 'zine, you must be a subscriber or be trading with us. A standby pays no game fee. Standbys are wanted for DIPLOMACY games and variants.

REFUNDS - PRORATA REFUNDS OF ANY UNUSED PORTION OF A SUBSCRIPTION IS ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ANY SUBSCRIBER UPON REQUEST. GAME FEES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AFTER A GAME STARTS. NMR FEES ARE REFUNDABLE TO PLAYERS WHO FAITHFULLY COMPLETE A GAME OR RESIGN PROPERLY(SEE HR's FOR DETAILS).

HOUSE RULES (HR's) are provided to every player at the start of a game. A copy of current HR's may be obtained upon request for an SASE (it's better to use a long (#10) envelope).

EDITORIAL&c. WOW! What a month! I've been unbelievably busy. Even though I took a two week vacation over the holidays, I haven't been this busy since I can remember. Not only did I get called in to work while on vacation, but every evening and every weekend day has been filled with intense activity and every increasing pressure to complete projects underway. I am in the process of doing some renovations here in the basement. The game room is gone. New partitions are going up, with lighting and additional storage space being created out of what once was an large open area. Most evenings I have been working extra hours at my employer's to keep from falling hopelessly behind on major projects underway there. As a result, I have had almost no time to work on the basement and now I am taking some of that precious commodity and spending it here on this zine. Well, you have to relax a little too, now don't you? At any rate, I have not had time to develop any additional diplomacy computer adjudication program code and that has, once again, slid into the background. I do not envision any additional effort in that area for at least two months. Perhaps later this spring or summer I will find a niche here or there where I can make some progress again. In the meantime, I have included a few announcements, some local news and an article or two for your reading pleasure. Enjoy.

CONVENTION ALERT! THE NORTHEASTER III IS COMING TO CENTRAL N.J. ON THE WEEKEND OF APRIL 12-14, 1985. SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHEASTER III YOU HAVE AN ALREADY IMPRESSIVE LIST OF EVENTS FROM WHICH TO SELECT INCLUDING OFFICIALLY SANCTIONED TOURNAMENTS FROM AVALON HILL, TASK FORCE GAMES, GAME DESINGER'S WORKSHOP, STEVE JACKSON GAMES, INTERSTELLAR SIMULATION CORP., AS WELL AS GAME AUCTIONS, A MINIATURES PAINTING CONTEST, PLUS MANY DEMONSTRATIONS AND SEMINARS. SEND A POST CARD OR LETTER TO BE PUT ON THE MAILING LIST. THOSE ON THE MAILING LIST WILL RECEIVE THEIR PRE-REGISTRATION FORMS TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE GENERAL RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC. THIS WILL GIVE THE PEOPLE ON THE MAILING LIST A JUMP ON THE REST OF THE PACK. SIGN UP FOR R.U.G.(RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GAMERS) 3RD ANNUAL GAMING CONVENTION SERVING THE NORTHEAST CORRIDOR. SEND YOUR REQUEST TO : R. U. G., BOX 101, RUTGERS COLLEGE STUDENT CENTER, 126 COLLEGE AVE., NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J. 08903

March 1,2,3 1985, The Historical Miniatures Gaming Society will be sponsoring a Historical Miniatures Only Convention at the Sheraton Inn, in New Carrollton, MD. Admission is \$5.00 up to March 1, \$6.00 at the door. Those interested please contact: Pat Condray, 8234 Kings Aim Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308.

March 30-31, 1985, The United State Military Academy Military Affairs Club Wargames Committee will be sponsoring PointCon VIII. Avalon Hill, Victory Games, Ral Partha, Grenadier Miniatures, Nova Games, Lou Zocchi, Flying Buffalo, Fantasy Gamer's Unlimited, The Complete Strategist, and World Wide Wargames will be in attendance. For more information, please contact: Cadet John Surdu, Box 3206 U.S.C.C., CIC PointCon VIII, West Point, NY 10997, (914) 938-5248. Admission will be free to this convention, with a fee for participating in any number of events. They are looking for people to run events. CGC hopes to be there.

ORIGINS XI will be held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 27-30, 1985. Seeing that this is the first year on the East Coast since 1982, CGC expects a large number of its members to be in attendance. Those who are interested in attending or seek more information contact: ORIGINS XI, ATLANTICON, PO BOX 139, MIDDLETON, NJ 07748

January 19, 1985

I am in receipt of some detailed information about an ORIGINS-1985 "Victory in the Pacific" Tournament, officially sanctioned by The Avalon Hill Game Company, and organized and directed by Bill Salvatore. If a latter issue permits, more details will be printed, but there will be 6 rounds of three and one-half hours each, three on Friday, June 28 and three on Saturday, June 29th with entry limited to a maximum of 64 players. Entry fee will be \$5.00 with at least 60% of the entry fee going for prizes. For VitP enthusiasts, this looks like a good tournament.

LOCAL NEWS: (From the Connecticut Game Club Dispatch, Jan, 1985) -One of the CGC's favorite games (other than Collegiate Crew) is JUNTA, The Game of Power, Intrigue, Money and Revolution. Originally produced by Creative Wargames Workshop, it has always been in short supply and rather difficult to get. Word has it that West End Games now owns the rights to the game and plans to release it in a new but substantially unchanged edition.***Many of you are not aware of it, but the CGC has a thriving Naval Miniatures Group which gets together once a month to recreate Naval battles and campaigns of the Second World War.***One of our members, Bruce Milligan, had his game review of the excellent Australian Design Group's EMPIRE IN ARMS published in FIRE AND MOVEMENT, NR 41 (APR-MAY 1984). Not only was it the cover story, but it was voted by the readers of F&M as tied for the best article of the year. Congratulations, Bruce.***Speaking of Fire and Movement magazine, our own Brandon Musler was featured prominently in a letter to the Editor in F&M Nr. 43. Without going into details, Brandon's letter created a fair share of somewhat heated but healthy discussion concerning the ethics of game reviews. Good Work, Brandon.***

ADVENTURES IN LIVING...or...LIFE IS JUST ANOTHER GAME.

On Monday, December 17, 1984, I decided to become a do-it-yourself plumber when the water in the kitchen sink did not recede. As a matter of fact, if I recall correctly, the water was still there from the previous Friday, and my wife had reminded me several times whilst she did the dishes out of a small plastic tub, that she couldn't use the kitchen sink which she claimed to be inconvenient and would I please either fix it or call the plumber. (Actually, I'd have to call the roto-rotoer place because the plumber does not fix stopped up sinks - sigh - everyone's a specialist!) Not wanting to part with \$60 to have the sink unplugged, I first poured some drain-cleaner down the sink, but all it did was create a stench in the kitchen. By Monday (I couldn't very well get my zine out and fix the sink at the same time, now could I? And, after all, first things first), having gotten other important matters out of the way, I finally decided to unplug the drain myself. I went down to the local hardware store and bought a "snake" or Drain-Cleaning-Tool. This is nothing more than a long piece of spring-like wire with a metal cork-screw end suitable for inserting into the drain and pushing through any plugged up spot by twisting the wire and pushing until the drain is clear. Well, I got a 25 ft long snake and proceeded to attempt to push it down the drain. Naturally, it didn't fit, so I got the bright idea of widening the sink's drain plug a hair, using the handle end of my file. I inserted the file and twisted and...oops...I managed to punch a hole in the pipe below the sink. The water in the sink drained out onto the kitchen floor after making a short stop under the sink cabinet. \$60 was beginning to sound less expensive every minute. After cleaning up the mess and patching the hole in the pipe with some aluminized duct tape (handy stuff!), I finally got the snake started down the drain. After pushing and twisting for about 1/2 hour, I just managed to loosen the trap under the sink and the remaining water now escaped. Another try, another mess.

Finally, after removing the trap and inserting the snake at the trap point and pushing and twisting for another half hour, I ran out of snake.

After putting everything back together, the water poured into the sink stubbornly refused to drain. Unfortunately, I had not cleared the drain. Hmmm.

Investigating further, I found that the builders, in their wisdom, had placed the kitchen sink at one end of the house, and the sewer connection at the other end of the house. The kitchen drain pipe went under the sink and down across the house to the other side and then took a 90° turn and went along that side for another 25 ft or so into the sewer. So, locating the midway point, about 25ft from the sink, there was, conveniently, a Y and drain plug, no

doubt just for the purpose of cleaning the drain. Now, I'd like to advise anyone who intends to open a drain plug when the drain is full of nasty stuff like drain cleaner, that just opening the plug and letting it drain is not all that easy. It may not seem like much, but 25 ft of water in a column 1-1/2" thick can produce a fairly good bit of pressure, and, when first opening the plug, the water will tend to spray, then gush heartily.

Dressing appropriately for the occasion, in my oldest clothes, I donned long sleeves, an old navy hat and goggles to protect my eyes. As I suspected, the water first spayed everything in site, then gushed heartily as I opened the plug. At long last, I used the snake again, cleaned up the mess, replugged the pipe and went upstairs to test my efforts. Once more, the water refused to recede. \$60 was beginning to sound like a bargain!

Convinced that I had just not quite completed the use of the snake properly, I redid the procedure...another try, another mess. This time, as I withdrew the snake, the nastiest, gooiest,...choke, gasp, barf...whew?!...stuff came out with the snake and I knew I had gotten the culprit. Finally, after 6 hours, 3 major messes, and one ruined snake, I had done it. You know, I wouldn't trade the experience for anything, but as for the \$60...I earned every penny.

TGZ ascribes to a code of ethics originally published by the Canadian Diplomacy Organization. Following is a copy of that code:

THE CDO CODE OF ETHICS

(1) I will try to adjudicate my games in an error-free manner. If an error occurs, I will correct it as quickly as possible and with as little disruption to the game as possible. I will try to use good judgement in weighing the harm done to the individual player against the harm done to the game as a whole.

(2) If a difference of opinion between a player and myself is not solvable by discussion between us, I will submit the matter to the CDO Ombudsman rather than arbitrarily deciding it in my own favor.

(3) I will be as punctual as possible in sending game results to the players (or to the publisher, in the case of a guest GM), bearing in mind that I am a hobbyist rather than a professional, and punctuality may sometimes be affected by personal factors. If I habitually have delay of more than a few days between deadline and mailing, I will make this known to prospective players before they enter games. If at any time, I find myself no longer able to maintain my habitual standards of punctuality, to the point where games are seriously affected, I will turn the games over to another GM rather than carrying on in an inferior fashion.

(4) If any of my normal GMing practices differ from those recommended in this Code, I will make them known to prospective players before they enter games. I will maintain a set of house rules and policy outlines and will provide it to players on their first entry into a game GMed by me. If I change my house rules or policies during the course of a game, I will acquaint all players with the change before any player is seriously affected by it.

(5) If a publisher or carboncopy GM, I will keep in touch with the mainstream of the hobby by cooperating with hobby institutions and so on.

(6) I will use replacement players wherever possible, and in particular, will not let games be spoiled by allowing major positions to go into civil disorder. I will avoid GMing practices which would make my games irregular, or unrateable by current systems (example: using replacement players who already played in the game).

(7) In general, I will try to deal fairly and honestly with players at all times; I will try to be impartial in my adjudications and my handling of games; I will try not to give one player advantages not available to other players, where such advantages can be easily prevented; I will give players the benefit of the doubt where differences of opinion arise; I will try to maintain good communications between players and GMs, in particular by explaining reasons for Games-material actions when they are not likely to be immediately apparent.

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NAME	SL	ST	EN	CON	EXP	MA	REGT	M	CLUB	QUID	FAVORS
ADDLEBURY	8*	10	10	100	9+1.5r	3	Ens*/Slp*	-	Bag	15	12
(Burke)	12@	13	11	143	15	1	---	A	---	275	(3)
HAMBONE	16*	12	8	80	12+2s	4	Lt Col/RSG	A	Csh*	1461	2455
HENDON	13*	11	13	143	9+1.25s	4	Col/QD	J	Csh*	85	33
HORNBLOWER	7	13	8	104	9	3	Lt/Line	N	Bag	2290a	23
McBURKE...HANGED FROM THE HIGHEST YARDARM.....RIP											
MORGAN	13*	12	11	132	7+2.75c	8*	M.D.	-	Csh	1094	25
O'CONNOR	10*	14	10	140	12+2.25r	8	Bvt Brig	P*	Tan*	500	1334
PARKSBROW	10*	10	9	90	10+9.75c	2	Ens/Flag	T	Mer	2113	25
T-WACKER	15	13	5	65	11+4r	8*	Maj/RD	C	Csh	1236	445

(* - indicates a change, @ - unmodified, a - plus £200 bounty)

APPOINTMENTS:

Addlebury - Nav. Surg
Hambone: Div Adj
Hendon: Army Adj
Morgan: Prof, Coroner
O'Connor: Brig/Irish

TITLES:

Knight: T-wacker

MENTION:

Hornblower (111)(0)
Morgan (555)(2)
O'Connor (111)(1)
T-wacker (955)(2)?

DEBTS: Hornblower, 550, OD; T-wacker, 1430, 4/31; Hendon, 880, 6/31/

BY ORDER OF THE KING IN COUNCIL:

His Majesty is pleased to announce that Her Majesty, Queen Henrietta Maria is with child, the blessed event expectd in September.

MISTRESSES: (SL, *=kept, B=Beauty, E=Engaged, I=Influence, M=Married, P=Pregnant; W=Wealthy.)

*ALICE	12IMPW	FRANCES	6BI	KATE	8	*PATRICIA	10BIW
BARBARA	9I	GRACE	11	LORETTA	10B	RHONDA	9BW
CHARLOTTE	10I	*HENRIETTA	18BIMPW	MARY	15W	SARAH	16
DELORES	10W	IRENE	9B	*NELL	9BI	*TESS	15E
EMILY	7	*JOAN	14BPW	*OLIVIA	12BI	VIOLET	13

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"All the News that Fits"

WINTER 31

FRANCE JOINS ANTI-IMPERIALIST ALLIANCE - QUEEN EXPECTING AGAIN -
TAEFFYWACKER SCOURGES WELSH BANDITS - IRISH MUTINEER HANGED

In a major triumph for the Crown's diplomacy, France has joined the coalition of European Powers in their war against the Hapsburgs. Official credit has gone to Foreign Secretary (South) the Earl of Clyde, but Court insiders report the real credit belongs to the influential Baron Wentworth. Is the tide turning? Time will tell.

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An outbreak of banditry in Wales has been nipped in the bud by the vigorous action of the Royal Dragoons, acting under temporary command of Maj Sir Percival Q Taffywacker. During the operations, the Major confiscated an undisclosed amount of "specie, whose owners could not, unfortunately, be identified". While the Major is blocked from promotion by Lt Col Simmons' obstinate insistence on retaining his influential staff position, a baronetcy is said to be in the offing, provided the heavily mortgaged buggy-whip heir can find the Crown another £1000. Angry officers from the East Kensington Regiment claimed the whole thing was cooked up to avoid the annual Blues and Buffs football game at Batsford.

Aboard HMS Scorpion, another challenge to lawful authority was met with similar decisiveness. Pat McBurke, an Irish seaman of the most dubious antecedents, attacked the bridge of the corvette with a few desperate companions. McBurke was quickly felled with a bosun's truncheon, and the mutiny collapsed. At length, a bucket of seawater was thrown over the Irish rogue, and he was informed that Capt Carey had ordered him hanged from the highest yardarm. "Well, three cheers for Capt Carey," McBurke replied sarcastically.

(Harry Burke's new character is the first son of a marquess.)

NAVAL NOTES: Ens Mark Addlebury has been assigned as surgeon aboard the sloop HMS Codfish...The Ensign briefly enjoyed the affections of Lady Patrisia, but lost them to Gen O'Connor, who was enchanted by the young lady at Col Hendon's bash...Another ensign's romantic plans may also be disappointed. For some weeks the Admiralty has been alive with rumours that HMS Royal Sovereign will be sent on a secret diplomatic mission in April...Returning East Indian Fleet is said to have made an inconclusive attack on pirate elements attempting to rebuild their base at Fernando Po. Adm Long's fleet should be home by the end of April.

Col Hendon's party at the Cavenfish was a big success, with many prominent political and military figures on hand. PC the Marquess of Inverness was heard telling a disappointed Fitz O'Connor, "I ween that His Majesty were nae sae mickle vexed wi' yon Welshmen as to send the Fusiliers. Those lads take anything not nailed doon."

Lt Col Herbert Hathaway Hambone married Lady Alice Anne Adams at a private ceremony attended only by members of the three immediate families. The happy couple plan a big party in March.

Prof Morgan seems over his obsession with "Heloise". He has, however, spent a great deal of time fruitlessly trying to see the Queen for unknown reasons. The Doctor's Harley Street practice suffered a setback when another elderly Viscount died while under his care. On the bright side, the Cantab Hippocrates' January lecture on "Advanced Necrosis" was a big hit.

Mark Addlebury is Earl's character. Orders due Feb 9, 1985.